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City of Barrie

Final

Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee

Wednesday, October 25, 2023 | **5:00 PM** | **Council Chambers/Virtual**

INFRASTRUCTURE AND COMMUNITY INVESTMENT COMMITTEE
For consideration by General Committee on November 15, 2023.

The meeting was called to order by Chair, Councillor, B. Hamilton at 5:04 p.m. The following were in attendance for the meeting:

Present: 5 - Mayor, A. Nuttall
Deputy Mayor, R. Thomson
Councillor, B. Hamilton
Councillor, N. Nigussie
Councillor, C. Riepma

ALSO PRESENT:
Councillor, A. Courser
Councillor, G. Harvey
Councillor, J. Harris.

STAFF:
Associate Director of Corporate Asset Management, K. Oakley
City Clerk/Director of Legislative and Court Services, W. Cooke
Deputy City Clerk, T. McArthur
Director of Development Services, M. Banfield
Director of Infrastructure, S. Diemart
Director of Legal Services, I. Peters
Executive Director of Access Barrie, R. James-Reid
Executive Assistant to the Mayor, E. Chappell
Legislative Coordinator, T. Maynard
Manager of Linear Infrastructure Project, A. Kiley
Manager of Water Operations, D. Moreau
Manager of Wastewater Operations, G. Jorden
Project Controls Manager, G. King
Service Desk Generalist, K. Kovacs.

The Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "A"

PRESENTATION CONCERNING WATER OPERATIONS BRANCH 101

Diane Moreau, Manager of Water Operations, provided a presentation concerning the operations and services of the Water Operations Branch.

Ms. Moreau discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- A summary of the Water Operations Branch from source to tap;
- The responsibilities of each section of the Water Operations Branch, including the Surface Water Supply, Groundwater Supply, Water Customer Services, Water Distribution and Compliance, and Technical Support;
- The education and community outreach associated with water operations;
- The opportunities for innovation and optimization to improve and investigate efficiencies, including the Canadian infrastructure benchmarking initiative, water loss, energy efficiency, and chemical usage;
- Partnerships with the University of Waterloo related to groundwater supply and the University of Toronto related to surface water supply; and
- A summary of the Water and Wastewater Financial Plan.

Members of Committee asked a number of questions of City staff and received responses.

PRESENTATION CONCERNING WASTEWATER OPERATIONS 101

Greg Jorden, Manager of Wastewater Operations, provided a presentation concerning the operations and services of the Wastewater Operations Branch.

Mr. Jorden discussed slides concerning the following topics:

- The role and responsibilities of the Wastewater Operations Branch;
- The steps taken to protect the public health associated with residents and the environment;
- A summary of the Wastewater Operations Branch comprised of innovators and collaborators;
- The 2022 annual Wastewater Operating budget, and Wastewater Asset Management Plan;

- A summary of the successes and innovations that have created efficiencies for the Branch;
- Collaboration with the Province of Ontario and Royal Victoria Regional Health Centre (RVH) during the COVID-19 pandemic and the monitoring of the flu through waste; and
- The challenges of the Wastewater Operations Branch and Wastewater Treatment Facility as it relates to growth and development, inflation, and facility regulations.

In closing, Mr. Jorden advised that the goal of the Wastewater Operations Branch is to operate the City's sanitary sewer system efficiently. He commented that a new flagship Wastewater Treatment facility could have the potential to be an industry leader in Canada and create peace of mind for the residents.

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REPORT OF THE ARTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED SEPTEMBER 26, 2023

The Report of the Arts Advisory Committee dated September 26, 2023 was received.

REPORT OF THE ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION AND SUSTAINABILITY ADVISORY COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 5, 2023

The Report of the Active Transportation and Sustainability Advisory Committee dated October 5, 2023 was received.

REPORT OF THE COMMUNITIES IN BLOOM COMMITTEE DATED OCTOBER 10, 2023

The Report of the Communities in Bloom Committee dated October 10, 2023 was received.

The Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee met and recommends adoption of the following recommendation(s);

SECTION "B"

BARRIE TRANSIT'S NEW NETWORK AND VISION

That the Active Transportation and Sustainability Committee endorses the Intake Form to be included in the 2024 Business Plan concerning transit services in the Salem and Hewitts Plan areas.

This matter was recommended (Section "B") to General Committee for consideration of adoption at its meeting to be held on 11/15/2023.

The Infrastructure and Community Investment Committee met and reports as follows:

SECTION "C"

INTAKE FORM FOR ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION COORDINATOR

That in consideration of Council strategic priorities of supporting active transportation and pedestrian connections, staff prepare an intake form for a full time Active Transportation Coordinator for consideration as part of the 2024 operating budget (to be included with the Staff Report) at an estimated cost of $120,000 per year funded a funding source determined by the Finance Department with the position being responsible for championing active transportation through the delivery of marketing, education and outreach programs focused on cycling and walking as well as supporting planning and implementation of the active transportation network.

No further action was taken

ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 5:57 p.m.

CHAIRMAN